

Statement of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association
to the Public Health Committee
SB 428
March 12, 2010

Sen. Harris, Rep Ritter and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. R. Mark Pappas. I am a licensed Chiropractic Physician, currently practice in West Haven and am here today on behalf of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association in regard to Senate Bill 428, *An Act Concerning Revisions to the Public Health Related Statutes*.

CCA supports the inclusion of Section 13 in the bill. Essentially, this provision deals with "licensure by endorsement," the mechanism where qualified out-of-state practitioners can obtain a license in Connecticut without having to retake the examination. Most practitioner statutes include this type of provision.

A license to practice in Connecticut is only granted after DPH investigates the applicant's educational record, training, conduct and confirms they have passed a similar licensing examination in their prior state.

DPH supports Section 13. It allows "licensure by endorsement" for an out-of-state Chiropractic Physician who meets all of the Connecticut requirements except for a portion of the examination (Part 4) where it did not exist when they were originally licensed. This would generally apply to Chiropractic Physicians who have held a license or practiced prior to 2004.

CCA would also like to request that you include an additional provision in SB 428 relating to a temporary permit to practice.

We have a situation where students complete their studies, graduate from an accredited Chiropractic College, take the licensure examination but cannot begin practicing for a month or two until the results of the exam are certified. We would propose that these individuals be able to obtain a temporary license to practice for up to 120 days under the direct supervision of a licensed Chiropractic Physician. I would note several other professions have this type of temporary permit—we would like to have it extended to the Chiropractic statute as well.

I am attaching proposed language to implement this change and hope the committee will consider it.

Finally, Section 18 adds to the professions who may write orders for medical regimen to registered nurses. We would request that Chiropractic Physicians be added to this list on line 652.

Thank you.